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MARY JANE THEODOSIA "DOSIA" (BARTON) JOHNSON

1912 LETTER TO SUE SMITH

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A three page letter written in 1912 by Mr. Pratt's Great Grandmother; Mary Jane Theodosia "Dosia" (BARTON) Johnson to one of her friends detailing a snapshot of her life in Bourbon, Missouri.

Mr. Pratt has done it again, he has not only dissected the content of the letter but has identified the names of the people Dosia named in the letter and explained with additional pictures and commentary some of the characters living near the Johnson family.

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"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6

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While in the process of scanning my archive records, which I have accumulated on my families over the last 36 years, occasionally I run across some valuable heirloom treasures.

I wish to share with you one of those treasures.



Mary Jane
Theodosia
'Dosia' Barton

Mary Jane Theodosia "Dosia" (**BARTON**) Johnson born 18 January 1861 near Pine Mountain Post Office, Moccasin Twp, Rabin, Georgia, United States and died 10 June 1913 at the Johnson House on Walnut Street, Bourbon Village, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States. Daughter of William "Billy" (1831-1922) & Harriet (**KING**) (1834-1920) Barton married Judge James Millard Johnson Sr. (1854-1941) on 14 May 1884 in Liberty Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States.



Judge James
Millard
Johnson Sr.

To this union they had 7 children;

- [1] Claude Parham Johnson Sr. (1885-1927) married Myrtle (**SIMMONS**)
- [2] Cecil Glenn Johnson (1886-1959) married 1st Teresa "Tressie" F. (**FREDEKING**) (1893-1913); 2nd Delora Ethel (**FRAISER**) (1887-1954)
- [3] Lee Emory Johnson Sr. (1888-1964) married 1st Viola (**YOUNG**) (1887-1918); 2nd Bertha Fay (____); 3rd Eula (____)
- [4] Edith (**JOHNSON**) (1891-1891)
- [5] Joy Mildred (**JOHNSON**) (1892-1980) married Charles "Charley" Thomas "Champ" Record (1891-1973)
- [6] Rue Flavilla (**JOHNSON**) (1894-1983) married Columbus "Lum" Benjamin Alexander Pratt (1893-1947)
- [7] James Millard Johnson Jr. (1897-1977) married Viola Adaline (**ADAMS**) (1900-1972)

When Grandmother Rue died in 1983, I was given a box full of old pictures and letters and documents. Since I was the family historian, they felt I would take good care of those valuable documents. They were correct.

It appears that in 1912 a year before Mary Jane "Dosia" died, she wrote a letter to a Mrs. Sue Smith. Checking my immense 42,000+-name database I was not able to determine whom this Sue Smith was. Also, the letter had no full date or address for this Mrs. Sue Smith.

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Checking the 1910 census of Bourbon where Dosia was living at that time, I did find a Susan M. Smith wife of Silas V. Smith living a few doors down from Dosia and family.

As to why Dosia was writing a letter to a neighbor a few doors down is a mystery, unless Silas and Susan had moved away or was visiting a different locale.

However, Dosia's letter is transcribed in its entirety as well as scanned copies in color and grayscale for easy reading.

The letterhead states "United States Express Company". The United States Express Company functioned as Western Union does today.

Mrs. Sue Smith,

1912

This is a lovely day just like summer. Rue is going to wear her summer dress. We have had two frost just enough to kill tomatoes & sweet potatoes. This has been a fine year for doing fall work of all kinds. I was uptown one day last week. I looked at your house and thought it looked little about at last year's bird's nest where the bird's had flown. I have made 10 gallons of apple butter, 10 gallons of kraut and the children has gathered 10 gallons of hazelnuts 1½ bushels of walnuts after they are huled ½ bushel of scally bark hickory nuts.

I am helping mother weave corsets(?) now. We have wove one for Ethel Long last week & have one in the loom for Sarah Pace and have one a price for Lennah Long & Sally Chapman to weave yet. Glenn & Tressie has moved to Newburg so we are alone again. [End page one]

I was very glad to get your description of an Indian sham bottle I believe I will content myself with your description rather than see one if I was there. Is the ground sandy or is it black mud or red clay.

Apples are about all gathered you could have bought them for 10cts a bushel to gather them or gather them at twenty & they gathered them & bring them to you.

Cyrus is some place in Kansas running a station of his own. Oshia? is here but says she is going back to K.C. as soon as her hat & coat come. Mrs. Oles sent off someplace for then I was up to see Fannie Eldridge the other day she seems to think her cup of sorrow is full.

Lemer & Mrs. Puckect went to the association. I have not seen them since. She came back if this church has done anything since you left. I do not know it.

Mary Vaughn address is 5669 Cabane Ave. St. Louis, Mo. [End page two]

I will quit for I have told you everything I know. Dosia Johnson [End page three]

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This is the three-page letter in its entirety.

Following is a report on the people mentioned in this letter.

This report is to enlighten the reader as to who were Dosia's family and friends in 1912 in Bourbon, Boone Township, Crawford County, Missouri.

Family and Friends...

Mrs. Sue Smith

First mentioned was Sue Smith who I feel was the Susan M. Smith that married Silas V. Smith and lived a few doors down from Dosia and family in the 1910 census. Apparently the Smiths were on a trip and wherever they were, Dosia wrote them a letter and since this letter was in my grandmother Rue's possessions, apparently it was never mailed.

Also, Dosia inquires of Sue what type of soil they are finding at their location. She states "Is the ground sandy or is it black mud or red clay."

And thanks Sue for a description, "*I was very glad to get your description of an Indian sham bottle I believe I will content myself with your description rather than see one if I was there.*" This would indicate to me that the Smiths may have been out west in maybe Oklahoma or points beyond.

Checking the 1920 census I could not find the Smiths.

On 13 April 1884, a Silas V. Smith of Bourbon and a Miss Susan M. (**NOEL**) of Sullivan were married by Baptist Rev. James Reagan Hamlin at the home of N. B. Noel. Since, Rev. James Hamlin (1828-1922) was the husband of Mary Ann (**KING**) (1828-1916), sister to Harriet (**KING**) Barton; Dosia's mother, then they knew each other and probably attended the same church.

After the 1910 census I lose track of the Smiths, except for Dosia's letter.



Rue Flavilla (JOHNSON)

Next person mentioned is daughter; Rue would have been Dosia's 18-year-old daughter who would not be getting married until 1919 to Columbus "Lum" Benjamin Alexander Pratt after he came back from the war.

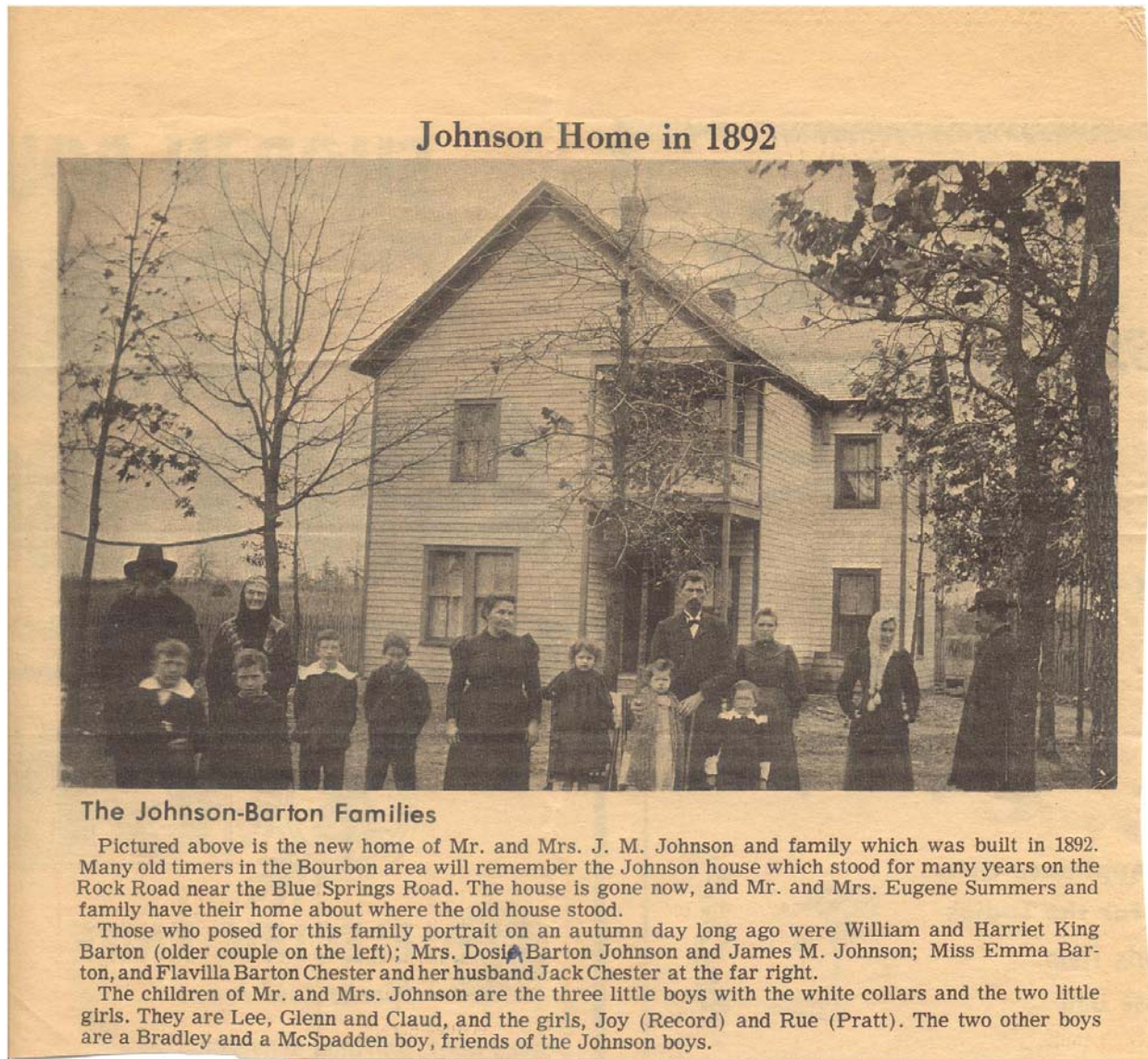
Dosia's husband James Millard Johnson Sr. owned a mercantile store in Bourbon and was one of the founders of the Bourbon Bank. Rue worked in that mercantile store and was the only one in the county who could sign with deaf people. Rue also played the organ in their church.

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James and wife, Dosia and family lived in the old 2 story Johnson House on Walnut Street. Behind the house down the hill, lived Dosia's parents William "Billy" & Harriet (**KING**) Barton.



This was taken about 1896-1897 reprinted by the Bourbon Newspaper.

Children

When Dosia spoke of the children collecting walnuts, hazel nuts and hickory nuts the only children left at home in 1912 could have been the following.

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Claude married in May 1912 and may have already moved to Texas County, Missouri.

Cecil married in June 1912 and his wife; Tressie were mentioned in this letter. Since they were married on 26 June 1912 then this letter was written after June and before December.

Son, Lee was still living at home, he married 1st Viola E. (**YOUNG**) circa 1915-1917 and 2nd Eula (____) and 3rd Bertha Fay (____).

Daughter, Edith had died in 1891.

Daughter Joy was 20 years old and she hadn't married Charles "Charley" Thomas "Champ" Record until 6 January 1915. Therefore, she was still home in 1912.

And of course Rue was still home as I previously mentioned. Then there was Junior. James Millard Johnson Jr, who was 15 years old and he didn't get married until 1917 to Viola Adaline (**ADAMS**).

So, it looks like Claude and Cecil could have already left the home and she mentioned that Cecil and Tressie had moved to Newburg, Missouri, so it appears that Lee, Rue, Joy and Junior were the only ones left home to help with the chores.



Harriett (KING) Barton

The next person she mentions is her mother, she would be Harriett (**KING**) Barton born 23 July 1834 in Hendersonville, Henderson, North Carolina, United States daughter of Baptist Minister Rev. Jonathan (1800-1883) & Mary (**HOLT**) (1808-1856) King from Buncombe, North Carolina, United States.



Harriett married William "Billy" Barton on 27 July 1854 and we have not been able to secure the location.

William Barton born 20 November 1831 at Brevard, Buncombe, North Carolina, United States, son of John Milton (1799-1869) & Sophia (**KEITLE**) (1807-1885) Barton from Greenville, South Carolina, United States. There is a good report written about the William & Harriett (**KING**) Barton family by their daughter; Ruth (**BARTON**). If interested please contact me.

If you noticed when the Bartons left North Carolina for Missouri they stopped over in Georgia and daughter; Dosia was born in 1861 near the Pine Mountain Post Office, Moccasin Township, Rabin County, Georgia, which is just inside the Georgia border from North Carolina.

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Harriet passed away on the 3rd of February 1920 at the Barton home down the hill where the Columbus & Rue (**JOHNSON**) Pratt family was living in the old Johnson House on Walnut Street in Bourbon.

Ethel Long

The next person Dosia mentions is Ethel Long. Clara Ethel (**DIEFFENBACH**) Long (1883-1972) lived on Olive Street in Bourbon in the 1910 census and was married to James Omer Long (1878-1964). Olive Street is close to Walnut Street where Dosia was living.

Sarah Pace

Also on her list of customers waiting for their loom work was Sarah Pace. Sarah E. (**SKAGGS**) Pace (1889-1977) was the wife of John Leon Pace (1884-1964) who was living in Union Township in Crawford County in the 1910 census.

Lennah Long

Mary Athlenta "Lennah" (**HAMLIN**) Long (1853-1942) wife of John Elbert Long (1849-1911) born in North Carolina married Elbert around 1872-1873. Lived on Walnut Street in Bourbon not far from Dosia.

Sally Chapman

Sally Chapman could be the Sarah "Sallie" Elizabeth (**DIEFFENBACH**) Chapman born 22 November 1857 near Bourbon Post Office, Boone Township, Crawford County wife of Charles Marvin Chapman of the 1910 census of Bourbon, Boone Township, Crawford County, Missouri.

Cecil Glenn & Teresa "Tressie" F. (FREDEKING) Johnson

Son, Cecil Glenn & Teresa "Tressie" F. (**FREDEKING**) Johnson she mentions moved to Newburg, Missouri. Newburg is in Arlington Township, Phelps County, Missouri. Since Dosia states they had moved to that locale this would indicate that they had already been married on 26 June 1912. This also indicates that the date of this letter had to be written after June 1912.

Teresa "Tressie" F. (**FREDEKING**) born 18 November 1893 in Black Rock Township, Lawrence County, Arkansas daughter of Samuel H. (1861-1899) & Mary Magdalene (**KEY**) (1875-1970) Fredeking. Tressie died the following year on 17 August 1913 in Bourbon.

Cyrus??

Cyrus has me stumped. Cyrus appears to be a male because Dosia says, "*Cyrus is some place in Kansas running a station of his own.*"

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In the 1910 census of Bourbon, Boone Township, Crawford County living on Chestnut street not far from Dosia and family is George Phillip & Susan Elizabeth (**PIRKEY**) Oels family with a 17 year old son; Cyrus A. Oels. I could not find him in the 1920 census.

Dosia says, “Bshia? is here but says she is going back to K.C. as soon as her hat & coat come.”
I cannot discern the name of this individual because Dosia wrote it above the line and crammed the letters together.

Mrs. Oels

At first, I thought it read Mrs. Cleo, but now after discovering Cyrus Oels name as a neighbor, I feel Dosia was talking about his mother; Susan E. (**PIRKEY**) Oels born 15 November 1860 in Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri, daughter of James & Martha (**WILCOX**) Pirkey of Virginia.

Susan married George Phillip Oels (1885-1914) on 4 September 1889 in Jefferson County, Missouri. Susan died 9 February 1942 at 1035 Yale Avenue, Richmond Heights, Saint Louis (county), Missouri and is buried in the Bourbon Cemetery with her husband.

Fannie Eldridge

Fannie L. Eldridge widowed by the 1910 census is living in Oak Hill Township, Crawford County, Missouri by the 1910 census with 5 children. Fannie L. (**EOFF**) Eldridge born March 1864 in Missouri married Benjamin F. Eldridge 26 March 1885 near Sullivan, Franklin County, Missouri. Daughter of Silas Alexander (1840-1909) & Judith (**HULSEY**) (1848-1936) Eoff.

Lemer or Lenner and Mrs. Puckett

The only clue here is Lemer, Lenner and hopefully this person is a Puckett. The only close connection I found in the 1910 census is 30 year old daughter Lennie Puckett, daughter of Silas H. & Isabell “Belle” (**LUCAS**) Puckett living in Belgrade Township, Washington County, Missouri. Lenna (**PUCKETT**) was married on 26 May 1915 at Sunlight, Washington County, Missouri to Arthur W. McNabb. Mrs. Puckett would have been & Isabell “Belle” (**LUCAS**) Puckett born 1858 in Missouri.

Mary Vaughn

Mary Vaughn is a problem because there are 3 Mary Vaughn’s in the 1910 census. One living in Cuba, one living in Union Township and another one living in Union Township but she is only 14 years old. So identification of this Mary Vaughn would be supplication.

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Based on this letter we can surmise several facts about the life of our Grandmother Mary Jane Theodosia “Dosia” (**BARTON**) Johnson. I shall list these facts for your consideration.

[1] Based on the marriage date of son Cecil in June 1912 would indicate the letter was written after that date. Walnuts, hickory and hazel nuts ripen in the late fall. Also, she mentioned a frost that killed the tomatoes and sweet potato plants. This would indicate this letter was written after September and before January 1913.

[2] Since she has been putting up provisions this would indicate she is preparing for the winter months.

[3] Some of her family has married and has left the home and she is feeling melancholy. At age 51 she is feeling lonely for her family and friends. This is evident by her visit to Sue Smith’s home to report about a bird’s nest.

[4] Mrs. Sue Smith probably a member of Dosia’s church and a dear friend has left the area and traveled to a distant location. Since Dosia mentions something about an Indian sham bottle or battle that Sue had described to her would indicate the Smiths were out west somewhere and is evident because Dosia wanted to know the color of the soil.

[5] Sharing the details of the winter provisions with Sue and noting that her children helped her and especially the ridiculous 10¢ a bushel for apples shows the meek and lack of good economy in the area.

[6] Also, it appears that Dosia’s loom work was sought after by many of the community who valued her work. This is evident in the fact she mentions all of her pending customer orders and lack of time and resources to fill them.

[7] Because she is an educated woman and married an educated man, her children have benefited by this education as reflected by daughter Rue’s talent of playing the church organ for the congregation. Obviously Rue had been taught by her mother; Dosia.

[8] Sadness in her words as he mentions that Cecil and Tressie have moved to Phelps County, which is a long distance from Bourbon. When she stated, “*so we are alone again*” she didn’t mean completely alone just her temporary company had left, but nevertheless I know what its like to have the kids move out...it does get lonely.

Letters like this give the reader a snapshot of the times and events that were taking place in the lives of our ancestors. Luckily Grandmother Rue saved this letter, which is in very poor condition but readable.

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Dosia died the following June on the 10th in 1913. How she must have been missed by family and friends. Her widowed husband; James did not remarry until 1 December 1918 to widow; Mary Louvincy Emily (**KING**) Chappell.

Mary Louvincy Emily (**KING**) Chappell, born 1 December 1866 at Pickens County, South Carolina, United States daughter of Jacob "Jake" (1836-1918) & Harriett E. (**FISHER**) (1841-1930) King.

Senator Jacob "Jake" King is another son of Rev. Jonathan & Mary (**HOLT**) King and brother to Harriet (**KING**) Barton; Dosia's mother.

Mary Louvincy Emily (**KING**) 1st married John Frank Chappell (1866-1909) on 13 October 1887 in Stone County, Arkansas. They had 5 children and after the death of husband; John, Emily moved from Mountain View Town, Blue Mountain Twp, Stone, Arkansas, United States where she owned a boarding house to Bourbon between 1910-1918.

Emily bought the Bourbon Hotel across the street from widower; James Millard Johnson's bank. They eventually married in 1918. Dad says he remembers Emily as a hunched back little short petite woman and remembers her children; Guy, Alonzo, Horace, Eula and Marie Chappell.

Emily died 1 January 1936 in Bourbon and James Millard Sr. died 21 May 1941. James and Dosia are buried in the Bourbon Cemetery. Emily is buried with her first husband at Historic Mountain View Cemetery, Stone County, Arkansas, United States.






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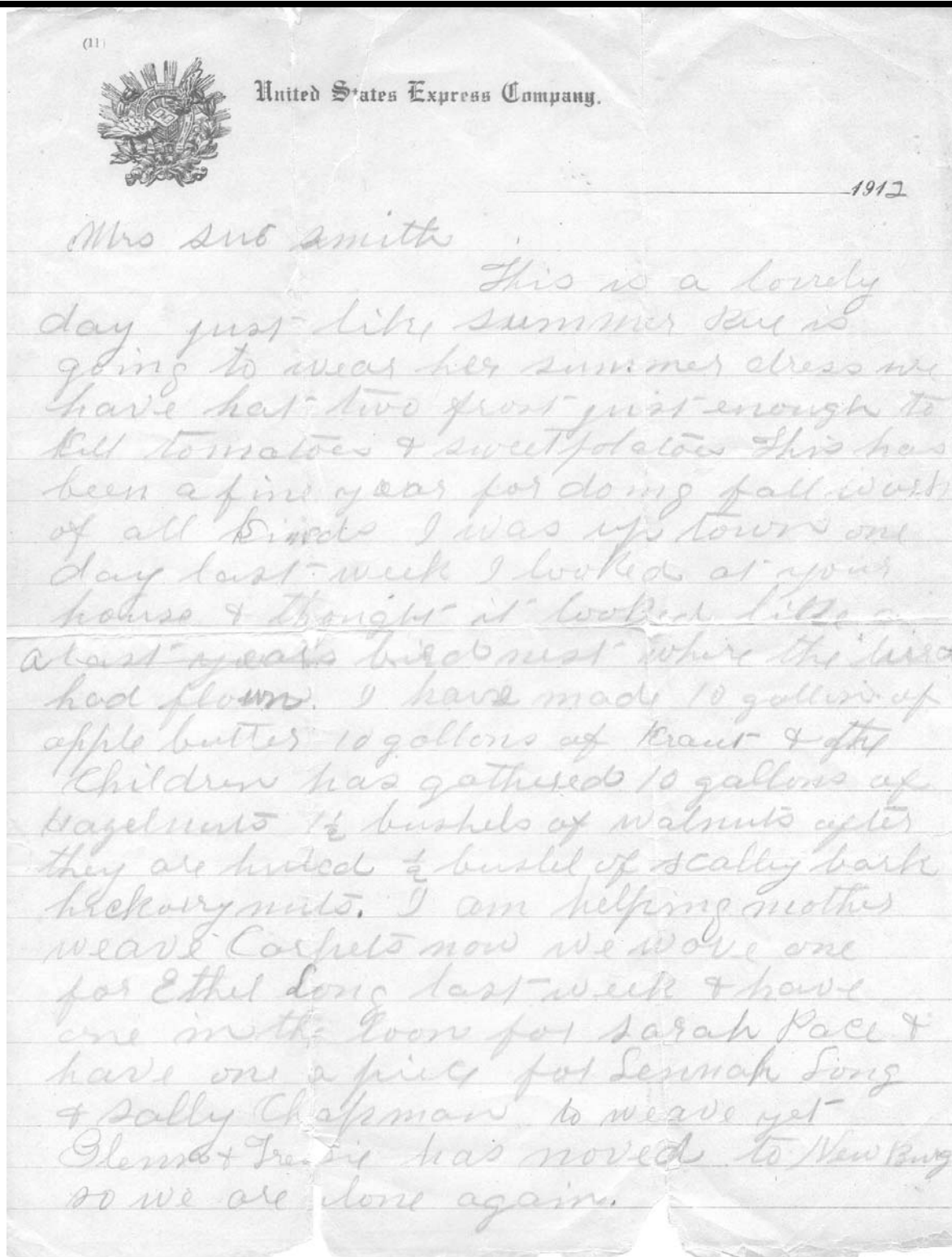
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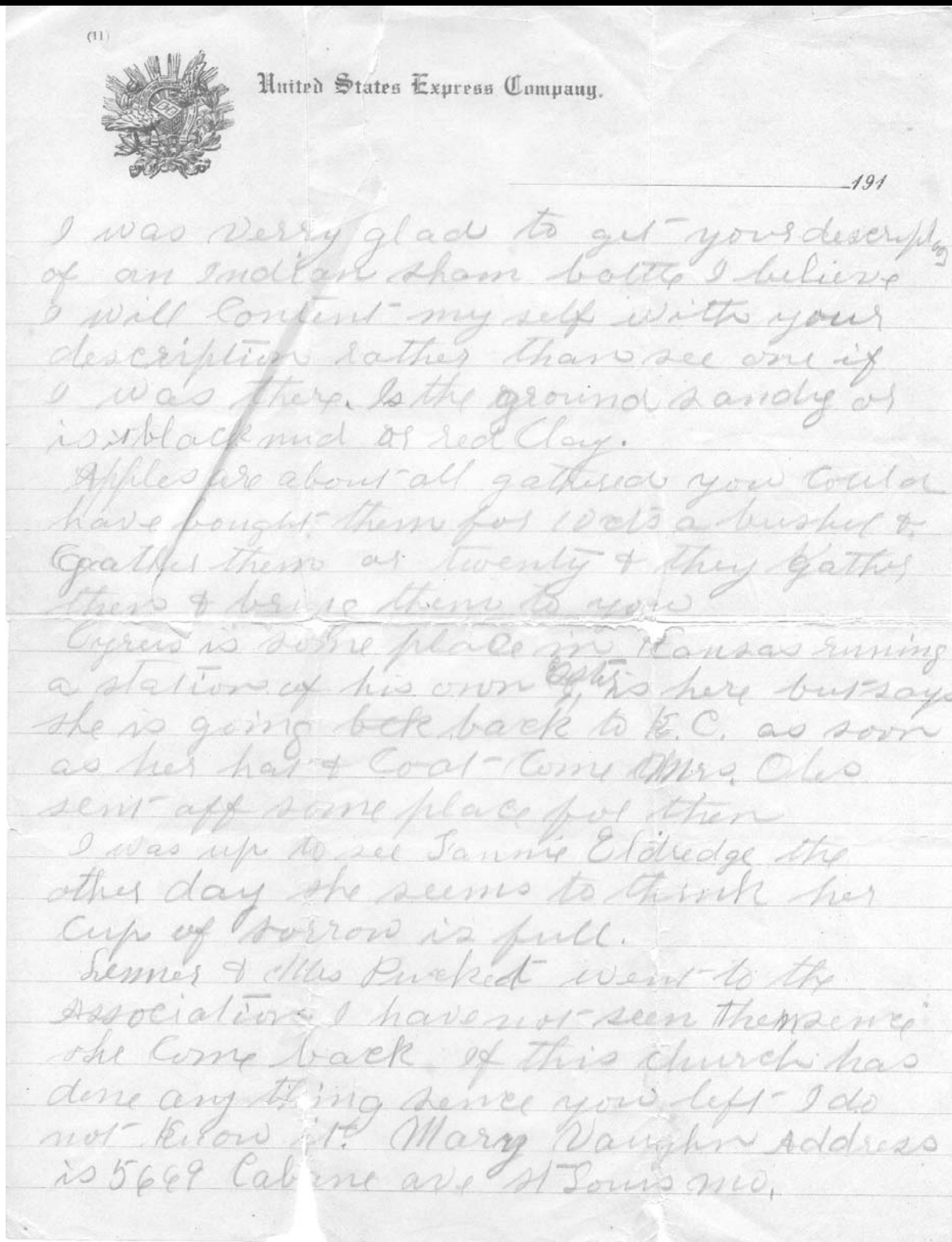




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Your Author's Pedigree; Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt

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|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4 | Columbus Benjamin A Pratt | 8 | Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt | 16 | Alexander "Alex" R. Pratt | 32 | Henry Pratt |
| | b. 1 December 1893 p. Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, W~m. 12 April 1919 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi~d. 27 July 1947 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi~ | | b. 6 September 1869 p. near Osage Post Office, Johnson ~m. 29 January 1893 p. Vilander, Liberty Twp, Crawford, Mi~d. 24 March 1914 p. near Crow's Creek, Boone Twp, C~ | | b. March 1831 d. 1912 | | b. 1800-1803 |
| 2 | Floyd Theodore "Ted" Pratt | 9 | Mary Laura Magdalene Missey | 17 | Mary Kimberlin | 33 | Nancy Carter |
| b. 6 January 1927 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, Un~m. 1 March 1947 p. Saint Clair, Central Twp, Franklin, Missouri, U~d. p. | 5 | Rue Flavilla Johnson | b. 20 July 1874 p. Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri~d. 17 April 1938 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi~ | b. 5 July 1845 d. 26 April 1916 | 18 | Francois Columbier C Missé | b. 1802-1803 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt | 10 | Judge James Millard Johnson Sr. | 19 | Cynthia N. Talbot | 35 | Frances Jane Peters |
| | b. 3 January 1948 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Avenue, Sain~m. 14 August 1972 p. Tyler Place United Presbyterian Church, 210~d. p. sp. Bonnie Kathleen Bach | b. 29 September 1854 p. Moselle, Central Twp, Franklin, Mis~m. 14 May 1884 p. Liberty Twp, Crawford, Missouri, Un~d. 21 May 1941 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi~ | b. 3 April 1848 d. 28 March 1896 | b. 4 January 1826 | b. 1804 | | |
| 6 | Peter Conley Brown | 11 | Mary Jane Theodosia Barton | 20 | Martin Johnson | 36 | Jean "John" Baptiste Missé |
| | b. 12 January 1893 p. Sharon, Weakley, Tennessee, Unit~m. 16 March 1924 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United States d. 3 December 1972 p. Halls, Lauderdale, Tennessee, Unit~ | b. 18 January 1861 p. near Pine Mountain Post Office, M~d. 10 June 1913 p. Walnut Street, Bourbon Village, Bo~ | b. 22 March 1805 d. 27 September 1859 | b. 15 June 1811 | | | |
| 3 | Delores "Doe" Virginia Brown | 12 | John A. Brown | 21 | Comfort Osborn | 37 | Marie "Mary" Françoise Piquette |
| b. 31 October 1925 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Avenue, Sain~d. 1 March 1981 p. Queen of Angels Hospital, 2301 Bellevue, Lo~ | 7 | Olga Elmiria O'Daniel | b. May 1844 p. Tennessee, United States m. 18 November 1891 p. Weakley, Tennessee, United States d. p. | b. 10 June 1814 d. 26 April 1877 | 22 | William "Billy" Barton | b. 4 July 1777 |
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| 14 | James Leonidas "Lee" O'Daniel | 13 | Obedience "Bedie" Lackey | 23 | Harriet King | 41 | Amelia Gaston |
| | b. 15 December 1869 p. Rutherford, Gibson, Tennessee, Un~m. 22 May 1897 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United States d. 8 March 1921 p. Baird-Dulaney Hospital, Dyersburg, ~ | b. February 1871 p. Tennessee, United States d. p. | b. 23 July 1834 d. 3 February 1920 | b. 23 November 1769 | | | |
| 15 | Daisy Dean Bell | 24 | Brown | 25 | Wife | 42 | William Osborn |
| | b. 7 September 1881 p. 19th District, Walnut Grove Twp, G~d. 14 May 1920 p. Jackson Crossing, Civil District 11, ~ | | | | | | |
| 30 | John Franklin "Frank" Bell | 26 | William Lackey | 27 | Lidia | 43 | Rebecca Richmond |
| | b. 1 July 1850 d. 1892-1893 | b. 1823 d. | b. 1840 d. | b. 20 December 1800 | | | |
| 31 | Hettie M. Jackson | 28 | Stephen "Steve" C. O'Daniel | 29 | Elizabeth Ellen Gordon | 44 | John Milton Barton |
| | b. 16 December 1861 d. 19 April 1902 | b. 5 December 1812 d. 1881 | b. 1840 d. 1872 | b. 1807 | | | |
| 32 | Alexander Jackson | 33 | Nancy Carter | 34 | Rhinhardt "Rinard" E. Kimberlin | 35 | Frances Jane Peters |
| | b. 1840 | | | | | | |
| 63 | Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter | 36 | Jean "John" Baptiste Missé | 37 | Marie "Mary" Françoise Piquette | 38 | Benjamin Talbot |
| | b. 1840 | | | | | | |
| b. 1840 | 39 | Laura Farris | b. 12 February 1818 | 40 | Benjamin Johnson | 31 | March 1775 |
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| b. 1840 | 41 | Amelia Gaston | b. 23 November 1769 | 42 | William Osborn | 32 | February 1818 |
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| b. 1840 | 43 | Rebecca Richmond | b. 4 July 1777 | 44 | John Milton Barton | 33 | March 1775 |
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| b. 1840 | 45 | Sophia Keitle | b. 1807 | 46 | Rev. Jonathan King | 34 | January 1826 |
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| b. 1840 | 47 | Mary Holt | b. 20 December 1800 | 48 | b. | 35 | From 1801 to 1805 |
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| b. 1840 | 49 | b. | b. | 50 | b. | 36 | 1801 to 1805 |
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| b. 1840 | 57 | Annie Keathley | b. 18 July 1782 | 58 | John Gordon | 40 | 1802-1803 |
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| b. 1840 | 59 | Nancy | b. 1813 | 60 | b. | 41 | 1802-1803 |
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| b. 1840 | 61 | b. | b. | 62 | Alexander Jackson | 42 | 1802-1803 |
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| b. 1840 | 63 | Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter | b. 1840 | 64 | b. | 43 | 1802-1803 |
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A Little Something About Your Author.....

Floyd Thomas Pratt, F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



At the age of 19, Tom Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.

Tom Pratt started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others.

Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors.

It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 42,000 individuals and achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended multi-state family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

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Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt formed the Pratt Publications Company and offered to the public, a series of books titled, The Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 7 volumes were published with at total of 43 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt formed the Genealogical Institute to further the education of serious researchers.

The Genealogical Institute offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the uninitiated in the procedures of family history research. These courses offer "a hands on" curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical procedures for tracking your family history.

Beginners and experienced researchers have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses. Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, this course is a valuable tool for the researcher. One of Mr. Pratt's favorite sections of the course is teaching researchers "how to stop" researching and compile their information for publication.

Upon completion of the educational courses from the Genealogical Institute, the graduate is awarded the **Master Accreditation of the Genealogical Institute. (M.A.G.I.)**

This designation is equivalent to a Doctorate Degree and signifies the recipient has been trained and demonstrated superior research techniques.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many educated researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their "brick wall" in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize this knowledge has been acquired over 30 years of experience and research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task.

Outside of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and traveled west to Missouri after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

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Mr. Pratt took down all the information off the headstones, including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book "Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery of Franklin County, Missouri"© 2001.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, personal interviews with ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text. What makes this book stand out among the rest is basic content and structure.

First, it is the only book to cover the known and reported inhabitants of an entire cemetery.

Second, this book reports on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children.

Third, even the index is unique, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research of cemeteries should be based. In their opinion, no one has ever produced a body of work about a cemetery as unique and professional as this publication.

Currently, Mr. Pratt is working on a series of books from the [Pratt Archive Collections](#), which is a series of biographical publications concerning a progenitor and a generation of descendants. This collection is a "cradle to grave" report, which covers the subject's ancestry, birth, marriage, children, and geographical domiciles as well as the political environment during the subject's lifetime.

In addition, Mr. Pratt is working on additional volumes of the Pratt Progenitor Papers and several books on public records.

With all these accomplishments, Mr. Pratt humbly refers to himself as a Genealogical Anthropologist...resurrecting progenitors.

We in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his dedication to helping the novice as well as the professional researcher, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical field.

In addition, we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman
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